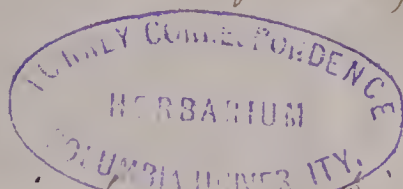


Basel June 27th 1872.

My dear Sir,



I have received your ~~very~~ kind letter on June 13th, with the enclosed bill of Exchange (Tertio) dated May office New York, May 28th 1872, for £. 535 Sterling payable at three days sight by the Union Bank, London, and I would have acknowledged it with due thanks by a letter to yourself & one to Mr Crooke forthwith, but for an extraordinary circumstance which forced me to wait and of which I must therefore inform you, lest you might think me very negligent & ungrateful. I presented the bill of Exchange, on June 13th to M^{rs} Iselin & Stachelin, Bankers of Bale who were ready to pay the money at once, but, finding that the spelling of my name on the bill was at variance with my own signature (C. F. Meissner) which I had already put on the back of the bill, while the Clerk at the May Office had written (both on the bill & on the envelope of your letter which contained it) C. J. Meissner, and C. J. Meissner, they were afraid, considering the punctiliousness of the English in such matters, ^(the Union Bank) might refuse the bill, & they proposed to delay the payment till after the arrival of the Prima & Secunda Bill by which the doubts

would most likely be dissolved. These, however, being not
yet arrived, I think it high time to inform you of the
matter, & to request you to take the necessary measures
at the U. S. Assay office that in future the Prima & Secun-
da bill — if ^{they} are not yet forwarded to me — or any other
bill or paper destined for me should bear my name &
address correctly & distinctly written C. F. Meissner
(not C. S. or C. J. Meissner)

Perhaps I had better to send you back the Tertia bill,
to show it & get it altered at the Assay Office, but this
would cause considerable delay, and my legal adviser
does not think it necessary.

I need scarcely add that no bill for the remainder
of the payment, which according to your last letter
Mr Crooke was willing to send "in very few weeks" after
the first part, has till now come to hands

Naturally I write in great hurry this time
& can only add how very sorry I am for the trou-
ble this unpleasant affair will cost you, and
my hearty congratulation for the new Site & build-
ing you expect to obtain for Columbia College,
and for the beautiful present Mr Crooke has made
you with Wright's Cuba Plants, as well as for

his liberal assistance for sending Collectors out to
North Carolina. How happy should I be only to
see some of those treasures!

All my time is employed in reviewing & prepara-
ring my Herbarium for its transcription, - but the
longer I can work at it the better will it be for
the collection! & the more agreeable to me.

With my kindest regards & thanks to Mr Crooke
& yourself

yours, my dear friend,
very cordially

F. J. Weisner Prof.

Pray, excuse my haste & bad handwriting

